

**Water/Wastewater Commissioners’
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2009**

Present: Walter Murray, Chairman
Robert Courage, Vice-Chairman
Merv Newton, Member
Larry Anderson
Evelyn Gendron

Call to Order:

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Press and Public Comments:

There were no members of the press present, nor public comments received this evening.

Appointments:

There were no appointments this evening.

Decisions:

Approval of Final Minutes – Commissioner Newton made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2009. Chairman Murray seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Water Users Fee/Tax Collector’s Warrant – The Commissioners signed this document as presented, amounting in all to the sum of \$78,447.61 for the January 2009 Bill Commitment 090130 and \$828.26 for the January 2009 Final Bills issued.

Sewer Users Fee/Tax Collector’s Warrant – The Commissioners signed this document as presented, amounting in all to the sum of \$118,803.17 for the January 2009 Bill Commitment 090130, and \$694.05 for the January 2009 Final Bills issued.

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Discussions:

Results of Deliberative Session – Superintendent Anderson presented the cost comparison of the three quotes received for a compact pick up truck for the Water Department. Since the budgets were not reduced during the February 7, 2009 Deliberative Session, the commissioners said they see no reason not to place the order for the 2009 Ford Ranger at a price of \$12,301.00, as the budgeted amount was \$13,500.00. Superintendent Anderson will contact Grappone Ford to determine if this vehicle is in stock or should be ordered.

Chairman Murray thanked Vice-Chairman Courage for the thorough manner in which he presented information in response to questions raised during the Deliberative Session.

Prospect & Dram Cup Tank Inspection Reports – Superintendent Anderson said the report received since the recent inspection of the Dram Cup Tank indicates that the tank's interior and exterior coatings are in good condition, however, the roof will require attention. He will contact Natgun Corporation, forward a copy of the inspection report, and request their recommendation(s) as to roof repair options at the Dram Cup water storage tank.

Mr. Anderson said that the recent inspection of the 70' high Prospect Tank, built in 1889, revealed it is structurally sound yet is in need of rehab work beyond the capabilities of the in-house staff and should be put out to bid. He will forward the inspection report for this tank to Merithew, Inc., and request their estimate of time, labor and material costs for the rehab work identified as necessary during the inspection. Mr. Anderson assumes this tank may be taken off line for approximately one month without concern as the Holland Tank would be available as the back-up water source.

When Mr. Anderson receives recommendations from the Natgun and Merithew companies, discussions will continue during a future meeting with the commissioners.

Proposed Water Main Extension by Pennichuck – Vice-Chairman Courage said he had received a telephone call from Steve Densberger to inquire whether the commission would be interested in contributing toward the costs to extend the water main along Emerson Road, Ashley Commons and Osgood Road, for a loop transmission main. Mr. Courage's response was that he would relay the question to the commissioners. Upon discussion, it was agreed at this time there is no funding with which to share costs for such a water main project.

In follow-up of a discussion held during the previous commissioners' meeting as to whether Pennichuck had or had not retroactively billed all their Nashua customers, Vice-Chairman Courage confirmed that Pennichuck had billed all their customers retroactively, not just Milford.

Water Supply at the Milford Oval – Commissioner Murray suggested Mr. Anderson may want to consider contacting the Commercial Building Inspector to recommend a flow test be conducted on the Oval to dispel any rumors or suspicion of an insufficient water supply on the Milford Oval. Superintendent Anderson said he had previously discussed the existing 6" main and the

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“loop” configuration of water at the Oval to Kathy Bauer, Milford Selectman, and at that time she said she would relay the information to the Planning Board. Mr. Anderson said he prefers to respond to questions rather than rumored questions; he added that he does not believe the businesses at the Oval have concerns about the water supply nor does the water supply at the Oval hinder business growth or development. Vice-Chairman Courage explained that flow tests have been successful in years past to avoid spending a large sum of money in order to upgrade water mains in the vicinity of the Oval to ensure there was an adequate water supply.

Information Items, On Hold, Awaiting Information:

Curtis Well Improvement Project – Mr. Anderson presented a copy of the memo prepared by Stantec Consulting to the low bidder for this project, Englewood Construction. The memo contained requests for additional information. It was agreed that Englewood Construction’s responses, as well as this project in its entirety, is subject to approval by the Town on March 10th.

Trombly Property Water Supply Study – This topic is on hold; the Tromblys will be invited to attend a future meeting.

Information Items Requiring No Decisions:

Economic Stimulus Update – Commissioner Newton said this topic was passed in the Senate with 61 votes. Mr. Anderson said the pre-applications for all projects, amounting to almost \$4 million for four different project packages, will be submitted by the February 27th deadline. Vice-Chairman Courage said should a considerable sum of money be received for economic stimulus projects, a special town meeting or public hearing could be scheduled.

Other Business Requiring No Decisions:

Sick Time Usage – For the commissioners’ information, Mr. Anderson distributed an emailed memo from Guy Scaife, Town Administrator that had been sent to the Senior Management Team on December 16, 2008, regarding the sick time policy and usage by municipal employees. Mr. Anderson stated that while the sick time policy is generous, at present there is no known instance of sick time policy abuse by Water Utilities personnel.

2009 BOC Calendar – For the commissioners’ consideration, Mr. Anderson presented a proposed calendar for commissioner meetings to be held during the remainder of 2009. No action was taken by the commissioners.

Future Appointments/Meetings:

The next meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commissioners will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24th at 564 Nashua Street, in the Water Utilities Conference Room.

The Town Vote will be held at the Milford Middle School on March 10th, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Murray at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn B. Gendron

Walter Murray – Chairman

Date

Robert Courage – Vice-Chairman

Date

Merv Newton – Commissioner

Date

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